

HOUSE BILL 1885

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to abandonment of  
animals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-202, is amended by adding a  
new subsection thereto, as follows:

(h) Any person or entity, including a landlord or the holder of a mortgage or deed  
of trust, who discovers an abandoned animal on the person's or entity's real property  
that has been vacated due to termination of a lease or other rental agreement,  
foreclosure or some other cause, shall notify immediately a public or private animal  
control entity, animal shelter or other facility operated for the collection, care or  
euthanasia of stray, neglected, abandoned or unwanted non-livestock animals. The  
person or entity shall not be civilly or criminally liable for notifying such animal control  
entity or animal shelter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.